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TAGS: OVIP (DENT), U.K.

SUBJECT: VISIT OF SECRETARY DENT

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1. APPRECIATE EMBASSY EFFORTS ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR SECRETARY DENT AND EMBASSY'S SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION CONTAINED REF (A).

2. WE ARE PROPOSING THAT SECRETARY RAISE FOLLOWING TOPICS WITH TRADE SECRETARY SHORE:(1) NORTH SEA PROCUREMENT, (2) U.S. INTEREST IN SELLING LIGHT WATER REACTOR TECHNOLOGY,(3) EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON EAST-WEST
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TRADE EXPERIENCES,(4) MTN. WE ANTICIPATE THAT SHORE MAY RAISE

THE FOLLOWING:(1) U.S. TRADE REFORM ACT, (2) OUTLOOK FOR U.S. ECONOMY AND, POSSIBLY, (3) U.S. SHORT SUPPLY EXPORT CONTROLS, AND (4) U.S. ANTI-DUMPING ACTIONS.

3. WE ARE PROPOSING THAT THE SECRETARY RAISE FOLLOWING TOPICS WITH SIR ANTONY PART:(1) OUTLOOK FOR U.K. ECONOMY, AND (2) EC INDUSTRIAL POLICY, NOTABLY AIRCRAFT AND COMPUTER POLICY. WE ANTICIPATE THAT SIR ANTONY MAY WISH DISCUSS (1) PROPOSALS IN CONGRESS TO RESTRICT INWARD FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT,(2) TRADE REFORM ACT, AND POSSIBLY (3) STATE OF PLAY IN INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION COOPERATION.

4. REGARDING MEETING WITH BRITISH OVERSEAS TRADE BOARD (BOTB), SECRETARY MAY WISH DISCUSS U.K. APPROACH TO EXPORT PROMOTION, AND POSSIBLY SOME OF TOPICS DISCUSSED WITH SHORE AND PART. IN OUR VIEW, TOPICS OF PRINCIPAL INTEREST TO BOTB LIKELY TO BE U.S. TRADE LEGISLATION, PROSPECTS FOR EAST-WEST TRADE, AND OUTLOOK FOR U.S. ECONOMY. THE BOTB MAY ALSO RAISE ISSUE OF U.S. CONTROLS ON USE OF FOREIGN-BUILT HOVERCRAFT.

5. FOR SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE TUESDAY, THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS ARE PROPOSED:(1) U.S.-U.K. TRADE AND INVESTMENT,(2) MTN AND U.S. TRADE LEGISLATION,(3) U.S. ECONOMIC OUTLOOK. SECRETARY WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS RECENT DISCUSSIONS IN EASTERN EUROPE AND ABOUT EAST-WEST TRADE MATTERS IN GENERAL. WE ANTICIPATEPRESSLIKELY TO ASK ABOUT U.S. ACTIONS AND VIEWS ON SHORT SUPPLY COMMODITIES. IF EMBASSY AWARE OF SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ON OTHER TOPICS LIKELY TO BE POSED BY PRESS, WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY PREPARATION OF BACKGROUND MATERIAL TAILORED FOR SECRETARY'S RESPONSE.
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